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§ § § Title: Improved, High Stability, High Lubricity,

Low Toxicity, High Biodegradability Drilling Fluid

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Dear Sir:

## REPLY TO ELECTION OF RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the Office Action dated October 5, 2006, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.